

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)	
POLICE OFFICER RICHARD TERESI,)	No. 06 PB 2598
STAR No. 5572, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	
)	
RESPONDENT)	(CR No. 299606)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On March 3, 2006 the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), for violating the following rules:

- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on May 19, 2006.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing and viewed the video-recording of the hearing. Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer, made an oral report to and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing of the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times mentioned herein employed as a police officer by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

2. The charges were filed in writing and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, was served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. The hearing was conducted before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on May 19, 2006.

4. Throughout the hearing, the Respondent was present and was represented by counsel of his choice.

5. The Respondent Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

Count I: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about July 28, 2004, between at or about 0100 and 0115 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi witnessed a shooting and failed to take police action.

Count II: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about July 28, 2004, between at or about 0100 and 0115 hours, while in

the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi witnessed a shooting and failed to report promptly to the Department any information concerning that shooting.

6. The Respondent Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

Count III: On or about July 28, 2004, at or about 0700 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi gave a statement containing false information to Police Officer Marcie Dojutrek, Star No. 4726, and/or Police Officer Leslie Galiardo, Star No. 9646.

Count IV: On or about July 28, 2004, at or about 0900 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi gave a statement containing false information to Lieutenant Wayne Micek, Star No. 546.

7. The Respondent Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.

There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about July 28, 2004, between at or about 0100 and 0115 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi witnessed a shooting and failed to take police action.

8. The Respondent Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

Count I: On or about July 28, 2004, at or about 0700 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi gave a statement containing false information to Police Officer Marcie Dojutrek, Star No. 4726, and/or Police Officer Leslie Galiardo, Star No. 9646.

Count II: On or about July 28, 2004, at or about 0900 hours, while in the vicinity of the alley behind 5118 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Teresi gave a statement containing false information to Lieutenant Wayne Micek, Star No. 546.

9. The Respondent Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.

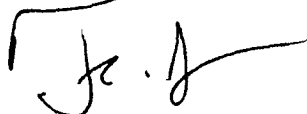
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By reason of the findings of fact that the Respondent is guilty of violating Rules 2 (Counts III and IV) and 14, and not guilty of violating Rules 2 (Counts I and II) 5, and 21, cause exists for the suspension of the Respondent from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the

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services of the City of Chicago, for a period from March 9, 2006
to and including March 8, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.E. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

D E C I S I O N

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing, having viewed the video-recording of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas E. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer Richard Teresi, Star No. 5572, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 06 PB 2598, be and hereby is **suspended** from his position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from 09 March 2006 to and including 08 March 2007.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS
15th DAY OF JUNE 2006.

Reverend J. L. Miller
William J. Egan
John J. Egan
Patricia C. Bobb
John J. Egan

Max A. Cronin

Executive Director
Police Board

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D I S S E N T

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from
the decision of the majority of the Board.

Phyllis Gelbaum **
Scott Davis ##
Jennifer Cren **

**Voted to impose a penalty of discharge.

##Voted to find the Respondent not guilty of all charges.

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THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

THER _____ DAY OF _____ 2006.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

EMP #	NAME	TERESI	RICHARD	S	TITLE	9161	TOTAL
		MONTH	AND	YEAR	RECEIVED		
JR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	/	/	/	/	/	0	
RICHARD J DALEY AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0	
ICE MEDAL	/	/	/	/	/	0	
UNIT AWARD VALOR	/	/	/	/	/	0	
SUPT AWARD MERIT	/	/	/	/	/	0	
POLICE BLUE STAR	/	/	/	/	/	0	
OFFICER OF THE MONTH	02	/	95	/	/	1	
UNIT MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE	/	/	/	/	/	0	
LAMBERT TREE	/	/	/	/	/	0	
CARTER HARRISON	/	/	/	/	/	0	
WGN AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0	
HONORED POLICE STAR	/	/	/	/	/	0	
LIFE SAVING AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0	
HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR	/	/	/	/	/	0	
FITNESS AWARD	10	/	03	/	/	1	
APPEARANCE AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0	

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EMP # 304646 NAME TERESI

RICHARD S TITLE 9161

	MONTH	AND	YEAR	RECEIVED	TOTAL
SPECIAL COMMENDATION	/	/	/	/	0
PARTNERSHIP AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
BLUE SHIELD AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
JOINT OPERATIONS AWARD	/	/	/	/	0

DEPT COMMENDATION 001 AWARDS NUMBER 1 99167 2 3

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION**

18 MAR 2005

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 121 C

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

TERESI RICHARD	5572	016
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	WHI	
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 299 606

**THE PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:**

SGT.	BIGG K	1135		121C
RANK	NAME	STAR	S.S.N.	UNIT

**RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.**

**THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE
FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.**

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

PATRICIA JOHNSON

SEE ATTACHED

**FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sustained Complaints History Report

18-MAR-2005 10:27:51 AM

Social Sec. # Name Star # Emp. # Rank Description
 [REDACTED] TERESI RICHARD S. 5572 304646 9161 POLICE OFFICER

Sex Race Birth Date Appointed Date No. Of CR's No. Of SPAR's
 M WHITE [REDACTED] 13-DEC-1993 2 2

Case # Incident Date Suspension Dates Disciplinary Action Taken Final Category Less Serious Transgression
 C 277602 12-JAN-2002 16-AUG-2003 20 DAY SUSPENSION 10J-NEGLECT OF DUTY/CONDUCT UNBECOMING - ON DUTY

Civil Suit # 04-SEP-2003 Police Board #

Comments

Case # Incident Date Suspension Dates Disciplinary Action Taken Final Category Less Serious Transgression
 C 279847 14-APR-2002 01-OCT-2004 10 DAY SUSPENSION 10B-MEDICAL ROLL

Civil Suit # 10-OCT-2004 10 DAY SUSPENSION 10B-MEDICAL ROLL
Police Board #

Comments SU 010

Case # Incident Date Suspension Dates Disciplinary Action Taken Final Category Less Serious Transgression
 S042817 17-AUG-2004 REPRIMAND 005-COURT APPEARANCE VIOLATION

Civil Suit # Police Board #

Comments TRAFFIC COURT

Case # Incident Date Suspension Dates Disciplinary Action Taken Final Category Less Serious Transgression
 S044065 29-DEC-2004 18-JAN-2005 EXCUSED WITHOUT PAY 1 DAY 002-ABSENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION

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